

Land Use Plans/Major Projects

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Little Snake Field Office

Little Snake Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): The Resource Area covers 1.3 million acres of surface area under federal ownership and 1.1 million acres of federal mineral estate. **Current Status:** Preliminary RMP and Final EIS released August 13, 2010. Submitted for 60-day Governor's consistency review and available for 30-day public protest period. **Estimated Record of Decision Date:** 2011. **Website:** <http://www.co.blm.gov/lspa/rmp/index.htm>

Hiawatha Oil and Gas Development EIS: Questar Exploration and Production Company has proposed to drill exploratory and development wells within the Hiawatha and Canyon Creek gas field. **Current Status:** Draft EIS is under development. **Estimated Completion Date for Draft:** early 2011. **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/rsfdocs/hiawatha.html>

White River Field Office

White River Oil and Gas Development RMP Amendment/EIS: The Resource Area encompasses 1,455,900 acres of BLM surface and 365,515 acres of subsurface mineral estate. The purpose of the amendment is to establish guidance, objectives, policies, and management actions for expanded oil and gas development. **Current Status:** The DEIS is scheduled for release in 2011. Project delayed due to new emissions inventory incorporating air quality data into impact analysis. **Estimated Completion Date:** 2012. **Website:** <http://www.co.blm.gov/wrra/WrOilGasRMPAmendment.htm>

Grand Junction Field Office

Grand Junction RMP Revision: The Resource Area encompasses 1 million acres of BLM surface and 1.45 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. **Current Status:** Routing through internal review process. **Estimated Completion Date:** 2012. **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo/rmp.html>

Red Cliff Mine EIS: The proposed Red Cliff Mine is located approximately 11 miles north of the towns of Mack and Loma, Colorado, and 1.5 miles east of Colorado State Highway 139. CAM Coal Company is proposing a new portal and associated facilities to extract low-sulfur coal from current federal coal leases, several potential new federal leases, and a small amount of private coal. A railroad line is proposed to traverse approximately 9.5 miles of federal land, and include one crossing of State Highway 139 and approximately five miles of private land. **Current Status:** The BLM initiated a draft revision in August 2010. **Estimated Completion Date:** Project schedule pending. **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/index.htm>

Kremmling and Colorado River Valley Field Offices

Colorado River Valley/Kremmling RMP Revision/EIS: The Colorado River Valley (formerly Glenwood Springs) and Kremmling Field Offices are simultaneously revising their respective RMPs for the BLM public lands within each field office under one EIS. The planning areas cover nearly 945,500 acres of public lands. **Current Status:** Preliminary Draft EIS routing through internal review process. **Estimated Completion Date:** 2012. **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/kfo-gsfo/>



Uncompahgre Field Office

Uncompahgre RMP Revision: The Resource Area encompasses approximately 787,000 acres of BLM surface and 1.6 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. In December 2009, draft eligibility determinations were released for public comment for Wild and Scenic Rivers. **Current Status:** NOI published February 2010. Eligibility determinations for Wild and Scenic Rivers planned for 2010. **Estimated Completion Date:** 2012.

Website: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ufo/uncompahgre_rmp.html

Gunnison Field Office

Gunnison RMP Amendment (EA-level): The EA will amend the existing Gunnison RMP and the Programmatic EIS (PEIS) for geothermal leasing to addressing geothermal leasing in the Gunnison Basin. The RMP amendment is necessary due to new information regarding the presence of Gunnison Sage Grouse and Canadian Lynx habitat that was not analyzed in the existing RMP. **Current Status:** Currently working on the EA. **Estimated Completion Date:** 2010

Royal Gorge Field Office

Over the River (OTR) EIS: OTR is a temporary work of art proposed on BLM lands by artists Christo and Jean-Claude. The artists, via the OTR Corporation, have applied for a land use permit that would encompass part of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. The proposal is being analyzed through an EIS under a third-party contract agreement. **Current Status:** Preliminary Draft EIS was published July 16, 2010. Public comment period ends September 14, 2010. **Estimated Completion Date:** 2011
Website: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/planning/otr.html>

San Juan Public Lands Center

San Juan RMP Revision/EIS: The revised RMP covers 2.5 million acres of public land under joint management by the U.S. Forest Service and the BLM. **Current Status:** Due to concerns with Air and Fluid Minerals, a Supplemental Draft EIS is in process. **Estimated Completion Date:** The BLM is working on a new schedule for Supplemental Draft and Final EIS.

Website: <http://www.co.blm.gov/sjra/>

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (CANM) RMP/EIS: CANM was established by Presidential Proclamation in 2000. The RMP covers 165,000 acres of surface federal ownership. **Current Status:** NOA published and ROD printed June 25, 2010.

Web site: <http://www.co.blm.gov/lspa/rmp/index.htm>

Washington Office

Solar Energy Development Programmatic EIS: The Solar Energy Development PEIS is being prepared by the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program and the BLM in order to assess environmental impacts associated with the development and implementation of agency-specific programs that would facilitate environmentally responsible utility-scale solar energy development in six western states (Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah). **Current Status:** Internal review ongoing. **Estimated Completion Date:** Final PEIS expected 2011.

Web site: <http://solareis.anl.gov/eis/who/index.cfm>